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Bio for Ian Thomson – Candidate for Regional Director – Alberta/NWT

Born and raised in Calgary, life brought me to Edmonton in 2014 where I discovered and fell in love with Agility. At the time I was just starting out with my steady Golden Retriever Dax, but now many years in, have retired her at 11 to focus on running my wild child, Rocket Raccoon.

I've been an AAC member for 7 years after discovering my second family in the sport. Obviously my dogs have an absolute blast playing the game, but what I have truly found to be important to me is all the people I have been meeting and friendships I have been building over the years. I joke that I changed careers to make agility work in my life, but there's actually a lot of truth to that.

In the last couple of years I have been working on ways to give back to the agility community by volunteering my time, first with helping out as a volunteer at both local, regional and national events, and more recently by sharing agility with those who cannot make it in person by providing a free to view live stream of events like Regionals and Nationals.

My work outside of agility involves building both personal and professional relationships and networking, problem solving, and conflict resolution. I believe these are attributes I can use to further give back to the sport as the regional representative.

Through my work I have specialized in consulting with various businesses to advising them on potential growth and strategic planning, I feel these skills would also be of a benefit to the AAC Board in the months ahead, and would like to help the AAC continue to work toward keeping the sport affordable for everyone, and grow the opportunities for members to compete.

Thank you for considering me,

Ian